

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 2 October 1953

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Amory, Colonel White,
Messrs. Kirkpatrick, [redacted] Sheldon and [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted a cable respecting the excellent cooperation received from State in the field in connection with the [redacted] [redacted] and asked [redacted] to ensure that the records of the individuals concerned reflect our appreciation.

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b. Referred to a cable [redacted] (IN 23064) containing recommendations for handling the [redacted] and noted his approval. The Director asked, however, that a final check be made with DDCI before advising [redacted]

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c. Noted his concern over reports [redacted] of the possibility that the [redacted] and after some discussion asked that [redacted] be queried as to their potential to do this. [redacted] undertook to ask the Chief/NEA to prepare a cable which is to be cleared with DD/P prior to dispatch.

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d. Stated that in a recent conversation [redacted] had offered assistance in furnishing publicity [redacted] and after some discussion [redacted] undertook to arrange an appointment with [redacted] (NOTE: The Director authorized [redacted] to show and discuss with [redacted] a classified map which depicts [redacted] [redacted])

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e. Reported on a conversation he had with Under Secretary of State Smith respecting the [redacted] capabilities, and stated General Smith had agreed when and if this was done it should be accomplished by CIA rather than State. The Director said, however, that prior to taking action it would be necessary to iron out the whole problem of furnishing AE intelligence information to [redacted] [redacted] other countries and he desired action on this problem as a matter of urgency. General Cabell noted this was under way and would be first considered by JAEIC before presentation to the IAC. The Director stated if at all possible he would like this subject placed on the Agenda of the next IAC Meeting.

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Reported that conversations with [redacted] activities were now in progress.

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b. Raised the question as to whether the Vice President should receive a briefing by the Committee Members of [redacted] on that Committee's activities, and after some discussion, wherein the Director expressed

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Mr. Wisner (Continued):

the opinion that such a briefing would be of material assistance, DD/P undertook to approach Mr. Nixon during his briefing today.

Mr. Amory:

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Colonel White:

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a. Stated that an official request had been received from Mr. McLeod in State that [] tour with CIA be terminated not later than 15 October in order to assume his new duties in State. The Director noted he had discussed this with [] and authorized Colonel White to advise McLeod that CIA concurs in his release. The Director also asked [] to ensure that a letter of commendation for [] is prepared for his signature.

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b. Reported that the "secretary situation" on the staff of the NSC which the Director had mentioned to him, had been resolved. []

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[] The Director asked the Acting DD/A for a brief memorandum on this in order that he might discuss it with General Cutler.

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c. Reported it now appeared that vacancies for clerical personnel would be filled by April 1954. In connection with personnel, Colonel White said we were about to be faced with a trying situation in attempting to place personnel being returned to Headquarters as a result of reduction

[] particularly in view of the personnel freeze. Colonel White said this replacement problem had been made infinitely more difficult by the fact that Efficiency Reports were uniformly "Good" and thus created an additional problem in selecting personnel to be retained and/or making a place for them at Headquarters by releasing Headquarters personnel. The Director stated he realized the seriousness of this situation, but it was one which would have to be faced. However, he did desire that action be taken to provide for the exercise of greater care and thought in the preparation of Efficiency Reports in order to reduce the difficulties arising when it becomes necessary to release personnel. As a result of this discussion, Colonel White and Mr. Kirkpatrick undertook to revise the regulations on the preparation of efficiency reports, and in addition Colonel White stated he intended to discuss this whole problem at greater length with General Cabell the first of next week.

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Colonel White (Continued):

d. Reported that general discussions on our '55 Budget would be held with Mr. Macy of the Bureau of the Budget as follows: 19 October - DDCI; 20 October - DD/A; 21 October - DD/I; 22 October - DD/P; 23 October - general sessions with DDCI, DD/A and possibly DCI. General Cabell suggested that preliminary discussions be held with the Director in order that he might have an opportunity to furnish guidance to the several Deputies. The Director approved.

e. Noted we had reported the number of overt motor vehicles operated by CIA to the Bureau of the Budget, and there was a possibility it might be necessary to report those vehicles used covertly by the Agency. In response to a question from the Director, Colonel White stated the latter information would be at hand in the event this subject was raised during the discussions mentioned in item (d) above.

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

a. Stated that Senator Saltonstall and General Mudge were planning a trip to Europe in the near future and suggested they be offered a briefing, noting that the Senator would not return to Washington prior to his departure. The Director approved and asked Mr. Kirkpatrick to prepare a letter for his signature offering to send an officer to Massachusetts to give this briefing.

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Mr. Sheldon:

Stated that the Air Force had recommended that responsibility for functions of the Watch Committee be transferred to CIA. After some discussion the Director asked Messrs. Amory and Sheldon to further discuss this matter with DDCI.

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